

# World Vision Afghanistan

## Sustained Humanitarian Response (WVA-SHR)

Situation Report 02 | Period: 1 April – 31 May FY25

### SITUATION OVERVIEW AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Organisations continue to operate across Afghanistan. They are delivering life-saving services and long-term support that meaningfully improve the lives of millions of Afghans. At the same time, some donor governments remain actively engaged, demonstrating sustained commitment to the Afghan people even in the face of ongoing budgetary pressures.

However, operational challenges persist and continue to affect the effectiveness of humanitarian and Basic Human Needs (BHN) programming. Delays to the processing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) remain a critical issue, with 69% of approvals exceeding the agreed 15-day window, affecting the distribution of USD 26 million in funding and assistance for five million people. Meanwhile, cluster updates indicate growing pressures: Health and WASH clusters are grappling with severe backlogs and underfunding, while Protection and Education clusters report ongoing field-level constraints.

The effects of the termination of USD 562 million in U.S. government assistance has resulted in widespread programme shutdowns, including over 420 health facilities, leaving many health workers, including women, unemployed. Around 30 humanitarian organisations have been compelled to scale back their life-saving services for Afghan women and girls and other vulnerable people.

Hundreds of community-based classes for children have been shut down across several provinces, reportedly including 200 in Panjshir, 130 in Logar, and 267 in Paktika—mostly affecting young girls and boys.

Agencies anticipate the return of at least 600,000 returnees, underscoring urgent needs for support in the form of cash, shelter, and reintegration measures.

With the 2025 Humanitarian Response Plan only 22 % funded, response capacity remains critically constrained. A system-wide reset of the response is now underway, aiming to increase the efficiency and impact of internationally-funded programmes through modifications to the structure of the humanitarian architecture.

### RESPONSE STRATEGY

World Vision Afghanistan's strategy connects the provision of life-saving emergency assistance with investment in sustainable recovery, strengthening communities' ability to adapt and thrive in the long term. In our relief work, we prioritise reaching the most vulnerable—particularly women, children, persons with disabilities, and other at-risk groups—and in our choices of partner and project model, the most viable, to ensure

that programmes are not only effective, inclusive, equitable, and grounded, but transformational. Protection mainstreaming is central to our work, integrated across assessments, project design, implementation, and monitoring to uphold the dignity, safety, and rights of those we serve.

WVA scaling up integrated, multi-sector programming—linking Health and Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Food Security and Livelihoods, Education and Child Protection—for holistic and sustainable impact. Community engagement is central to our approach, ensuring participation, ownership, and accountability through close collaboration with local leaders and structures.

This strategy reflects World Vision's values—promoting child well-being, fostering local partnerships, and driving lasting change—responding to both immediate needs and longer-term challenges in Afghanistan.

### FUNDING

World Vision Afghanistan has secured USD 25 million in cash funding toward its USD 30 million target for fiscal year 2025. In addition, the organisation has secured USD 14 million in gifts-in-kind (GIK), further contributing to its overall resource mobilisation efforts.

### STAFFING

#### No. of current total staff

576 (10 expatriates & 563 nationals,  
including 13 new hired, 2 deployments)

### REACH

During the reporting period, **196,244 individuals** (53,490 girls, 41,881 boys, 79,936 women, and 20,937 men) were reached through World Vision's 25 ongoing projects.

## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



### Integrated Health and Nutrition Support

World Vision Afghanistan has continued to provide lifesaving health, nutrition, counselling support through 32 Fixed Health Centres (FHC), 22 Family Health Houses (FHH), and seven Mobile Health & Nutrition Teams (MHNTs), reaching most vulnerable communities across operational areas: Herat, Badghis, Faryab and Ghor.

World Vision Afghanistan plays a key role in national coordination efforts, co-leading the Western Region Nutrition Cluster and actively engaging stakeholders to enhance emergency preparedness and response strategies.

Benefiting World Vision Afghanistan's health programming:

- **105,313 individuals** received outpatient consultation (OPD) support.
- **43,016 individuals** participated in health education.
- **5,274 individuals** received counselling support.
- **16,075 children under five screened** for malnutrition (3,208 children admitted for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)).
- **16,305 women** received maternal and child health support (7,078 antenatal care, 2,130 postnatal care, 6,445 family planning and 652 deliveries).
- **3,858 children and women** received vaccinations services.
- **129 healthcare** providers received training on topics such as: Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM), Health Management Information Systems (HMIS), and Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN).
- **821 children** received life skills and group counselling support.
- **718 parents** attended parenting sessions to promote positive discipline and nurturing family environments.
- **161 children** participated in tutorial classes to enhance their learning.
- **102 children** were supported through home-based services to ensure continuity of care and follow-up.



### Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Within the two-month reporting period, World Vision Afghanistan's WASH programme delivered:

- **Twelve new water supply systems** were completed and handed over to communities in Badghis and Faryab provinces, providing access to water for **33,464 people**. Towards the sustainability of the completed water systems, water management toolkits were distributed to ten water management committees in Faryab.
- **Four WASH facilities at health centres** in three districts in Badghis were handed over to the contractor for implementation. The project is expected to be completed within two months
- **Five WASH Groups** in Badghis received two-day training, equipping them with capacity to undertake contextual hygiene practices in their community.
- **1,000 hygiene kits** were distributed in Badghis and Faryab, **benefiting 7,760** individuals. The kits are meant to facilitate hygiene best practices, including personal hygiene within the household member.



### Food Distribution, Cash, Livelihoods

World Vision Afghanistan has played a key role in addressing the challenges of food insecurity caused by fund cut, and climate change through its Food Security and Livelihood interventions. We provided emergency food assistance to **52,710 households** and livelihood support to **1,000 households**. WV Afghanistan is preparing to support communities in managing the Food-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak. The support provided by WV Afghanistan is critical in mitigating the impacts of climate change and funding cuts.

Benefiting from World Vision Afghanistan's Food, Cash and Livelihoods support:

- **368,970 individuals** received food assistance to meet basic needs and avoid employing negative coping strategies.

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- **7,000 individuals** were supported with climate viable productive assets such as improved seed, tool kits and capacity building initiatives on climate smart agriculture practices.
- **40 Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs)** were trained and equipped with essential tools to provide basic veterinary services in hard-to-reach areas of Herat.

## Advocacy

As part of an ongoing review of the humanitarian architecture in Afghanistan, World Vision participated in meetings with Humanitarian Coordinator Tom Fletcher, including through its membership on the Humanitarian Coordination Team (HCT). The P2P review led by Jamie McGoldrick. WV Afghanistan continued to argue for longer-term development approach grounded in principled, pragmatic engagement with the authorities, including support for education, and properly contextualised localisation.

Building on the Nutrition for Growth conference in March, WV Afghanistan met with the Nutrition Cluster chairs to establish consensus around the potential for policy advocacy on food security and nutrition in Afghanistan, as well as agreeing with the FCDO to incorporate an ENOUGH-focused event into the FCDO's year-long series of engagements on nutrition in Afghanistan.

WV Afghanistan met with UNAMA's mine action team and Save the Children to plan a series of advocacy and communications activities related to unexploded ordnance.

## Partnership

During the reporting period, World Vision team developed an Organisational Capacity Building Plan funded by Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA), incorporating strategic initiatives such as the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA), National Disaster Management Training (NDMT) workshops, and technical capacity building programmes for staff. These initiatives aimed to enhance internal competencies and prepare the team to respond more effectively to emerging challenges.

To shift mindsets and deepen understanding of partnership principles and their added value, WV Afghanistan facilitated targeted workshops across three zonal offices: Faryab, Badghis, and Herat.

These sessions encouraged stronger collaboration and partnership with all stakeholders, especially with local organisations with shared humanitarian and development goals.

Under the DAWAM Consortium, WV Afghanistan signed new partnership agreements with Afghan Women's Educational Center (AWEC), Agency for Assistance and Development of Afghanistan (AADA), BBC Media and ActionAid, enabling the distribution of small grants. These grants were tailored to align with programmatic priorities while ensuring consistency with the overarching project objectives.

A visit by CordAid's Board of Directors led to a joint field visit of WVA and Vision Development Organization's sites in Herat in early May. This was preceded by a series of meetings in Kabul as well as a debrief with the CordAid team at WVA's offices.

Under the GFFO project, WVA is partnering with Organization for Community Coordination and Development (OCCD) to strengthen joint efforts in project implementation and capacity development. Regular biweekly partnership meetings are held to review progress, address ongoing challenges, and identify areas where support is needed. Recognising a gap in gender-inclusive training, WVA introduced a female trainer to support the development of OCCD's female staff. In addition, WVA has nominated OCCD to participate in several capacity-building workshops and trainings to further enhance their organisational and technical capabilities.

World Vision Afghanistan, in collaboration with UN Women, DRC, and NRC, has finalised the Expression of Interest (Eol) and reached agreement on the public announcement on the UN-Women website; all partners worked jointly to develop and finalise the assessment tools required for the process.

With regard to capacity building and system strengthening, World Vision Afghanistan

## Communications

WV Afghanistan has released its [FY24 Annual Report](#) and [Country Profile](#). These core documents highlight our strategic priorities, key achievements, challenges, and partnerships with a diverse range of stakeholders during the fiscal year 2024.

The Communications Unit actively utilised key calendar dates and special events to enhance visibility and amplify WV Afghanistan's impact. Content was developed for International Tea Day, Earth Day, and Immunisation Week. Additionally, the team presented on the Communications Unit's contribution to WV Afghanistan's WASH Strategy for FY26–30 during a stakeholder workshop.

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During the reporting period, WV Afghanistan saw significant growth in media reach and mentions. Our total media reach has been 274 million—representing a 160% increase compared to the previous period. We were also mentioned 400 times across various platforms, showing a 131% increase.

In addition to external communications, the Communications Unit strengthened internal engagement by regularly contributing communications resources and articles on Viva Engage, supporting staff connection and internal visibility across WV's global community.

In alignment with donor requirements and visibility goals, the Communications Unit has consistently produced high-quality content in multiple formats, including video, written stories, and visual media. During the reporting period, the team developed six videos, four multi-media stories and two written stories. These outputs serve to increase WV Afghanistan's visibility, showcase impact, and meet donors' requirements for communication deliverables.



## Resources

Video: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/Share/6ifip2nun01sp4rj268y7fg7m27j1r28>

Video: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/Share/o73xy0cr2oqwq7d16823y2lrup101d5b>

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Shorthand (multi-media) story: [Where immunisation falls short, Afghanistan's children pay with their lives](#)

Shorthand (multi-media) story: [A mother, a widow, a carpet weaver, a provider: Life through the eyes of an Afghan woman](#)

Shorthand (multi-media) story: <https://www.wvi.org/Afghanistan/inside-a-health-clinic>

Shorthand (multi-media) story: <https://preview.shorthand.com/FYWF1FMAKqD30mEI>

Written Story: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/asset-management/20M2VXG3HRUG?WS=AssetManagement&Flat=y>

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One-year-old Ruqia receives treatment for diarrhoea at a World Vision Afghanistan-supported health centre in Dolina district, Ghor province. In communities like Farah Road, where clean water is scarce, children are especially vulnerable to waterborne diseases caused by drinking contaminated water.

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